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Use of Control Statement DS OFFICIALS ONLY on MIS Subsections, COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES

HEFERENCE: Memorendum from AB/CD to Chief, IASS and AD/NE, subject: Use of the sevent "US OFFICIALS ONLY", dated 5 November 1950.

1. The use of the control statement, US OFFICIALS ONLY, on HIS subsections, COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES, was approved by the HIS Committee at its 35th meeting held on 9 August 1949. Up to that date no control statements had been used for this subsection unless the entire HIS section to which it applied required a control statement.

2. However, in discussions srising out of the release of HIS to the Armed Force members of the HIS Committee were directed by their respective Chiefs of Intelligence to exclude from all COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES relating to the intelligence which the Armed Force Agencies produced. The Department of State did not, in general, object to the release of its COMMENTS. However, in view of the position takes by the Army, Havy and Mir Force, the State member agreed to a minilar position in order to avoid the complications resulting from the partial release of COMMENTS. The DCI was informed of this decision by memorendum from AD/RE, subjects "Non-release of HIS Material", dated 23 August 1949.

3. Thus, it is apparent that in reaching decision in this matter the MIS Committee took into consideration additional aspects of the problem which were not considered in the reference memorandum. Moreover, the recommendations contained in that memorandum, especially items (a) and (d) would involve unilateral action by GIA wholly inconsonant with existing agreements and with the inherent authority of a producing agency to determine the extent to which its own intelligence should be controlled.

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